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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Federal Railroad Administration**

**[Docket No. FRA-2020-0027-N-12]**

### **Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) and its implementing regulations, this notice announces that FRA is forwarding the Information Collection Requests (ICRs) abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. These ICRs describe the information collections and their expected burdens. On April 15, 2020, FRA published a notice providing a 60-day period for public comment on the ICRs.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed ICRs should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to

[www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find the particular ICR by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review - Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Hodan Wells, Information

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501–3520, and its implementing regulations, 5 CFR part 1320, require Federal agencies to issue two notices seeking public comment on information collection activities before OMB may approve paperwork packages. *See* 44 U.S.C. 3506, 3507; 5 CFR 1320.8 through 1320.12. On April 15, 2020, FRA published a 60-day notice in the *Federal Register* soliciting comment on the ICRs for which it is now seeking OMB approval. *See* 85 FR 21066. FRA received no comments in response to this notice.

Before OMB decides whether to approve these proposed collections of information, it must provide 30 days for public comment. Federal law requires OMB to approve or disapprove paperwork packages between 30 and 60 days after the 30-day notice is published. 44 U.S.C. 3507(b)–(c); 5 CFR 1320.12(d); *see also* 60 FR 44978, 44983, Aug. 29, 1995. OMB believes the 30-day notice informs the regulated community to file relevant comments and affords the agency adequate time to digest public comments before it renders a decision. 60 FR 44983, Aug. 29, 1995. Therefore, respondents should submit their respective comments to OMB within 30 days of publication to best ensure having their full effect.

*Comments are invited on the following ICRs regarding:* (1) whether the information collection activities are necessary for FRA to properly execute its functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of FRA’s estimates of the burden of the information collection activities, including the validity of

the methodology and assumptions used to determine the estimates; (3) ways for FRA to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information being collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of information collection activities on the public, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The summaries below describe the ICRs that FRA will submit for OMB clearance as the PRA requires:

*Title:* Passenger Train Emergency Preparedness.

*OMB Control Number:* 2130-0545.

*Abstract:* Under 49 CFR part 239, FRA requires railroads to meet minimum Federal standards for the preparation, adoption, and implementation of emergency preparedness plans connected with the operation of passenger trains, including freight railroads hosting passenger rail service operations. The information collected is necessary for compliance with the regulation.

*Type of Request:* Extension with change (revised estimates) of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Businesses.

*Form(s):* N/A.

*Respondent Universe:* 34 railroads.

*Frequency of Submission:* On occasion.

*Total Estimated Annual Responses:* 1,556.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden:* 350 hours.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden Hour Dollar Cost Equivalent:* \$26,592.

*Title:* Critical Incident Stress Plans.

*OMB Control Number:* 2130-0602.

*Abstract:* Under 49 CFR part 272, Class I, intercity passenger, and commuter railroads are required to develop, and submit to FRA for approval, critical incident stress plans that provide for appropriate support services to be offered to their employees who are affected by a critical incident as defined in 49 CFR 272.9. FRA uses the information collected to ensure the minimum standards of part 272 are met.

*Type of Request:* Extension with change (revised estimates) of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Businesses/Rail Labor Unions.

*Form(s):* N/A.

*Respondent Universe:* 41 railroads.

*Frequency of Submission:* On occasion.

*Total Estimated Annual Responses:* 5,064.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden:* 467 hours.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden Hour Dollar Cost Equivalent:* \$35,522.

Under 44 U.S.C. 3507(a) and 5 CFR 1320.5(b) and 1320.8(b)(3)(vi), FRA informs all interested parties that it may not conduct or sponsor, and a respondent is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

(Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520)

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